(c) The Government of Karnataka expressed that western values are being thrust at the cost of Indian heritage through foreign satellite channels and hence a National Media Policy should be evolved. The Government of West Bengal mentioned that foreign broadcasters represent corporate culture of western world and are ignorant of and indifferent to the realities of the third world countries. Allowing uplinking facilities to foreign satellite channels from Indian soil may encourage them to participate in other media sectors as well. Government of Tripura conveyed its concern over the bad impact of private cable TV programmes on the younger generation.

(d) Government have noted the above views.

Survey for tourist facilities in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh

1217. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted of the need for tourist facilities in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh along the National Highway;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not had a proactive policy to help establishment tourist amenities near small towns; and

(c) the reasons for neglect of this sector?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the Tourism Policy has identified Kolleru lake in West Godavari District as thrust area for the development of Tourism.

(b) and (c) The creation of tourist amenities is the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Govts, however, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State Govts. for projects based on their merits inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

Exploitation of International routes by Indian carriers

1218. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to constraints of aircraft capacity and operating crew certain international routes are not being utilised to their full entitlements by Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to initiate in this regard so that international routes are exploited to the maximum by Indian carriers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Air India/Indian Airlines have by and large inducted adequate capacity on internaitonal routes commensurate with the traffic potential.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

NICD proposal for national campaign against rabies

1219. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NICD has proposed a national campaign against rabies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the national campaign against rabies;

(d) whether such proposal has been accepted;

(e) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh will be considered to intimate such anti-rabies campaign; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?